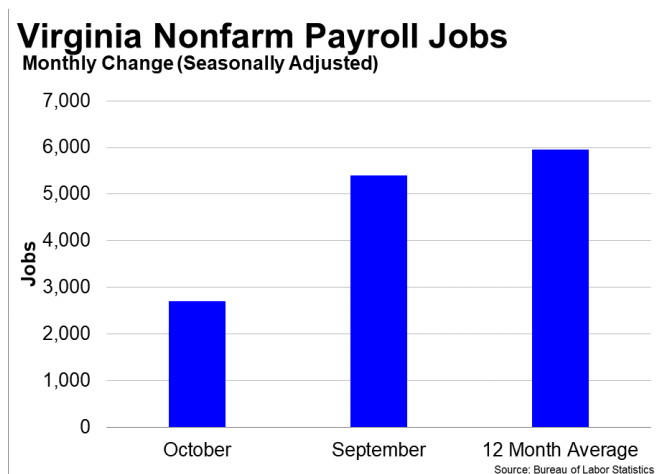
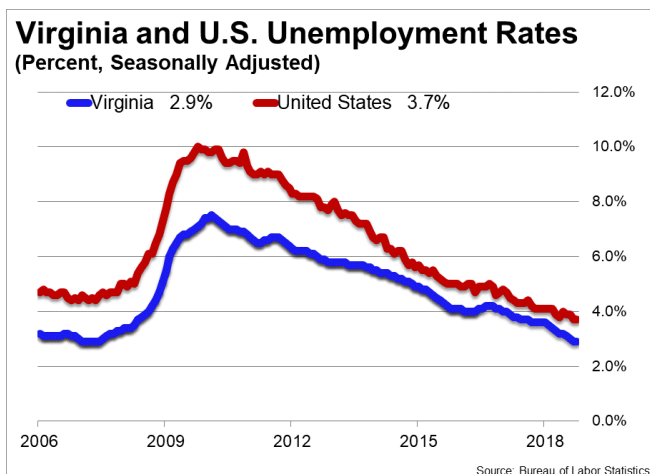


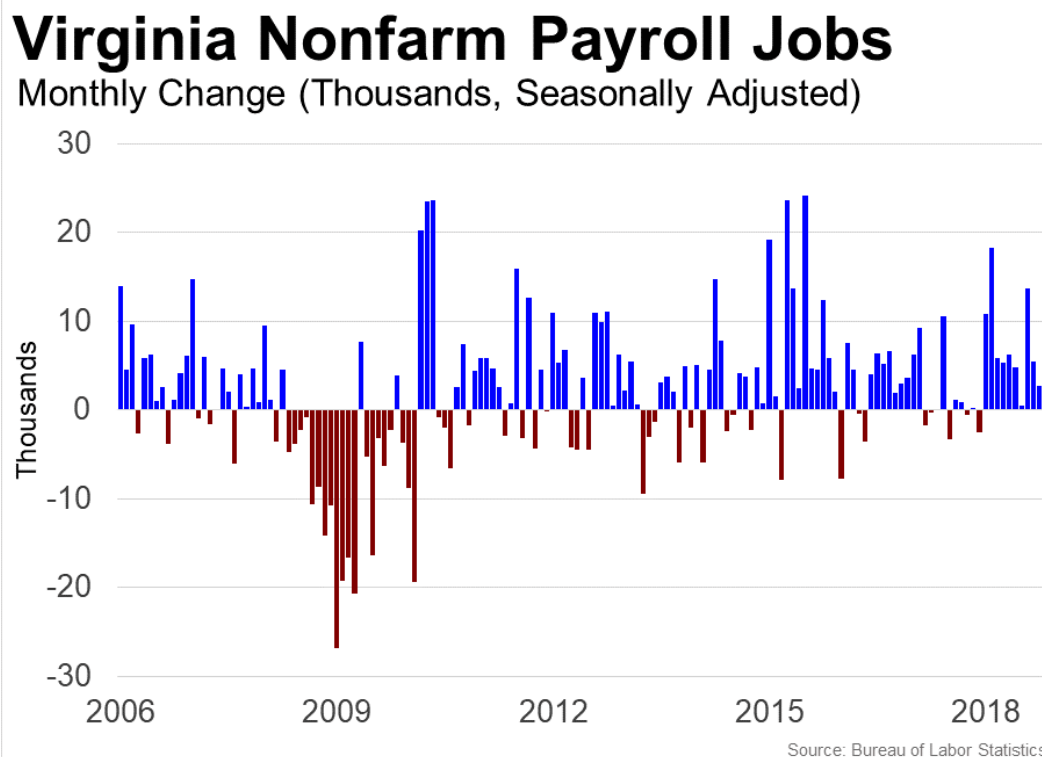


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Summary

- **Virginia added 2,700 jobs and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 2.9 percent in October** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Virginia added 71,400 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.7 percentage point from 3.6 percent.
- **In October, Virginia's private sector added 5,600 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 90,200 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Virginians fell by 1,679 in October**, and over the past year 64,065 Virginians found jobs.
- Virginia's **labor force participation rate remains unchanged** from 65.2 percent in October. Since last year, the labor force participation rate is unchanged.
- The national unemployment rate **was unchanged at 3.7 percent in October**. State employment and unemployment data for November is scheduled for release on December 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for November will be released on Friday, December 7, 2018.





Virginia Payroll Employment

Virginia added 2,700 jobs, or 0.07 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during October. In the prior month, Virginia added 5,400 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Virginia increased by 71,400, or 1.80 percent. Virginia nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 11 of the past 12 months.

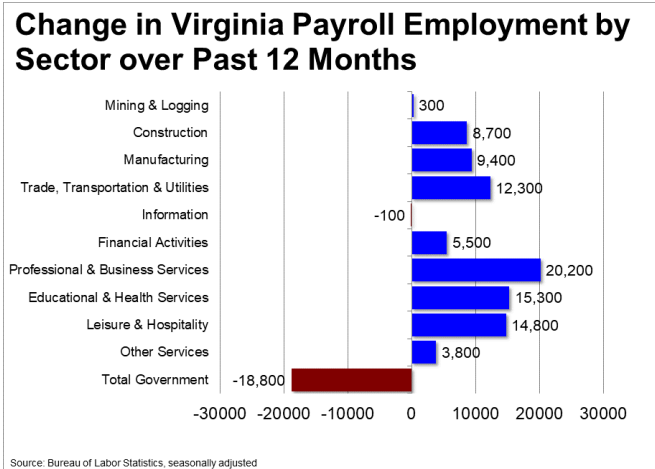
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 250,000 jobs in October, or 0.17 percent. Over the 12-month period ending October 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,516,000 jobs, or 1.71 percent. Virginia ranks 15th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During October, Virginia's private-sector added 5,600 jobs, or 0.17 percent. The private-sector in Virginia added 8,800 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Virginia increased by 90,200, or 2.78 percent. Virginia private-sector payroll employment has increased in 10 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 246,000 jobs in October, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,450,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.96 percent. Virginia ranks 16th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during October were Professional & Business Services (+3,200) and Leisure & Hospitality (+1,400). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Total Government (-2,900) and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-900).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Professional & Business Services (+20,200) and Educational & Health Services (+15,300). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Total Government (-18,800) and Information (-100).



Virginia Labor Force Statistics

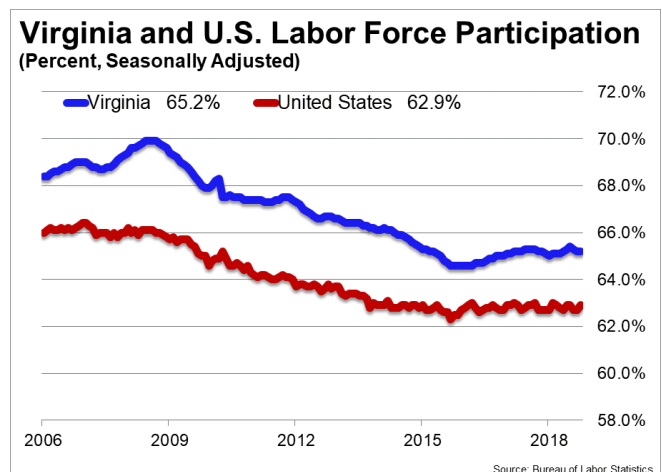
Labor Force Participation

The labor force participation rate in Virginia was unchanged at 65.2 percent in October. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 16 have a higher labor force participation rate than Virginia. The labor force participation rate in Virginia is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Virginia was 69.7 percent in November 2008. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Virginia occurred in May 1992 when the labor force participation rate hit 71.5 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 64.6 percent in March 2016. This also represents the series low for the labor force participation rate in Virginia. The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent in October, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

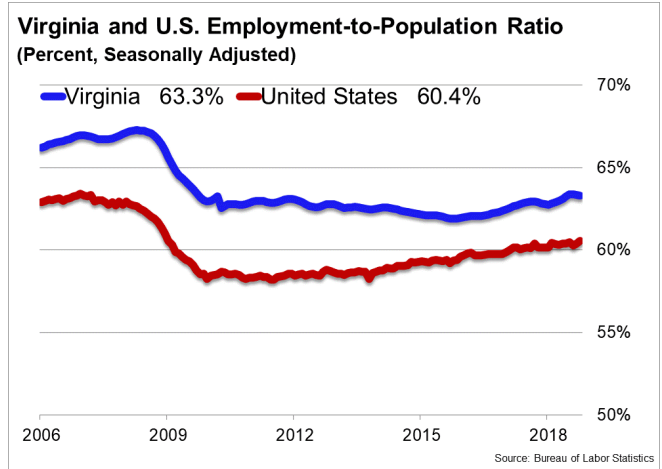
Employment-to-Population Ratio

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Virginia civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, was unchanged at 63.3 percent in October. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 14 have higher employment-to-population ratios than Virginia.



The employment-to-population ratio in Virginia is 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Virginia was 66.4 percent in November 2008. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Virginia occurred in April 2008 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 67.3 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 61.9 percent in November 2015. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in November 1982 when the employment-to-population ratio was 61.0 percent.



The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage point to 60.6 percent in October. That rate was 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.